

## Message Text

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SUBJ: PROBLEMS CONTINUE FOR REGIONAL BODIES IN CARIBBEAN

1. SOURCE IN CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN BRIDGETOWN INDICATES THAT ACTING HEAD OF THE CARICOM SECRETARIAT, LEGAL OFFICER CARL DUNDASS, HAS TOLD FRIENDS THAT HE EXPECTS TO RESIGN HIS CARICOM POSITION IN EARLY OCTOBER. THE CANADIAN OFFICER TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THE IMPENDING RESIGNATION IS ONE REASON THE MEETING OF CARICOM FOREIGN MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER MAY BE POSTPONED.

2. THE CANADIAN OFFICER ALSO INDICATES THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES COUNCIL (WIAS), GUS COMPTON OF ST. LUCIA, IS NOT RECEIVING ANY POSITIVE RESPONSE TO HOLD A MEETING OF WIAS MINISTERS LATER IN 1978 BECAUSE THE SMALL ISLAND  
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GOVERNMENTS ARE RELUCTANT TO MAKE ANY DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. SUCH AN ADMINISTRATION WOULD BEGIN IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS GENERAL IDEAS FOR COMMON SERVICES AMONG THE ISLANDS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN AGREED UPON IN PRINCIPLE BY THE ISLAND GOVERNMENTS.

3. COMMENT. NEITHER DEVELOPMENT NOTED ABOVE IS ENCOURAGING AT A TIME WHEN CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS ARE AGAIN ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEED FOR GREATER COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION. THE CARICOM LEADERSHIP QUESTION MAY BECOME DIFFICULT IF THE DUNDASS RESIGNATION PRECEDES THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL, WHILE THE INCREASE IN PRACTICAL COOPERATION AMONG THE ASSOCIATED STATES SEEMS DESTINED TO WAIT FOR MOVES TO INDEPENDENCE TO BE COMPLETED BY SEVERAL OF THE SMALL ISLANDS. THE CANADIAN OFFICER INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS GOVERNMENT EXPECTED THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE ASSOCIATED STATES EVENTUALLY TO CONTRIBUTE TO GREATER COOPERATION AMONG THE SMALLER ISLANDS AND THAT, IN THE SHORT TERM, THE SMALLER ISLANDS WOULD BUILD GREATER COOPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES MORE QUICKLY THAN WOULD BE NOTICEABLE AT THE HIGHER, CARICOM-WIDE AREA. END COMMENT.  
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